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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed August 23, 2011 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 23, 2011 to February 23, 2012.

A check in the amount of \$635.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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